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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR US TO HOST COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1978

1. SUMMARY. THE COLOMBO PLAN DIRECTOR HAS INQUIRED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE U.S. HOSTING THE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1978. THIS TELEGRAM URGES EARLY FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE REQUEST.

2. LEONORE E.T. STORAR, DIRECTOR OF THE COLOMBO PLAN, CALLED UPON ME TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. HOSTING THE MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1978, AND FOLLOWED UP WITH A LETTER OF EXPLANATION (COPY FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM). SINCE U.S. JOINED COLOMBO PLAN IN 1951, WE HAVE HOSTED ONLY A 1958 MEETING IN SEATTLE. IN 1974 AT SINGAPORE WE OFFERED TO HOST THE 1976 MEETING, BUT THIS OFFER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN IN EARLY 1976, AS BEING INCONVENIENT IN VIEW OF THE UPCOMING U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. AS A RESULT, AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO FIND A SUBSTITUTE HOST, THE 1976 MEETING WAS SIMPLY NOT HELD. THE 1977 ONE IS SCHEDULED FOR KATHMANDU, TO WHICH GENERAL AGREEMENT OF THE MEMBERS HAS BEEN OBTAINED. THIS WILL MEAN THAT THREE SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS WILL HAVE BEEN HELD BY MEMBER COUNTRIES WITHIN THE REGION (SINGAPORE-1974, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SRI LANKA-1975, AND NEPAL THIS YEAR). IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY HOSTED THE ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING TWICE: AUSTRALIA, U.K., PAKISTAN, CANADA, INDIA, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, AND SRI LANKA.

3. I BELIEVE THAT ACCORDING TO THIS RECORD OUR TURN TO HOST SUCH A MEETING FOR THE SECOND TIME IS OVERDUE. I WOULD URGE

A DECISION TO DO SO FOR THE 1978 MEETING, IN TIME TO PERMIT
AN INFORMAL NOTIFICATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES PRIOR TO A FORMAL
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFER AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN
KATHMANDU LATER THIS YEAR.
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